

Remark

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-13 and 15-23 have been amended. No claims have been canceled. Therefore, claims 1-23 are now presented for examination.

35 U.S.C. §101 Rejection

The Examiner has rejected claims 13-17 under 35 U.S.C. §101 as directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claim 13 is amended.

35 U.S.C. §102 Rejection

Klauss

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-5, 8-10, 13-15 and 18-21 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), as being anticipated by Klauss, US Publication No. 2004/0102155 ("Klauss"). The claims are amended to overcome this rejection as discussed with the Examiner on August 24, 2010.

35 U.S.C. §103 Rejection

Klauss and Godwin

The Examiner has rejected the remaining claims 6 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being unpatentable over Klauss, and in further view of Godwin, US Patent No. 6,772,434 ("Godwin") or Young, US Patent Publication No. 2003/0194968 ("Young"). Without conceding the rejections, Applicants note simply that these rejections rely upon the Klauss rejection traversed above.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections have been overcome by the amendment and remark, and that the claims as amended are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the rejections be withdrawn and the claims as amended be allowed.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request for an Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.

Charge our Deposit Account

Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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